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ABSTRACT

This document presents statistics on the characteristics of first commitments from the California Youth Authority (CYA). Offense categories used in the report include violent offenses, property offenses, narcotic and drug offenses, and others. Several highlights of first commitment characteristics are reported: (1) from 1985 to 1986, CYA commitments increased by two percent; (2) ethnic minorities constituted 72% of 1986 CYA commitments; (3) violent offenders represented 38% of 1986 commitments; (4) of CYA cases committed in 1986 who were in the job market, 77% were unemployed; (5) most (73%) of 1986 CYA cases were living in the parental home at the time of commitment; (6) over 50% of 1986 CYA cases had family members with criminal records; and (7) major problems identified as contributing to antisocial behavior of CYA cases committed in 1986 were negative influence of peer groups and mental-emotional problems. A summary of items is provided in the areas of sex, court of commitment, county of commitment, primary commitment offense, ethnic group, age, escape record, co-offenders, physical handicaps, school grade, reading comprehension, arithmetic reasoning, prior convictions or commitments, religion, family history, neighborhood characteristics, problem areas, and employment. The major part of the report consists of three data tables of statistics which support the highlights and summary sections. (NB)

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A COMPARISON OF FIRST COMMITMENT CHARACTERISTICS

1977 - 1986

INTRODUCTION

Over the years, the Youth Authority has gathered general information on the characteristics of first commitments. However, the number of items collected and the methods of collection have varied. Where such variations have made comparative analysis impossible, the data has been omitted. Youth Authority and Department of Corrections cases (committed under Welfare and Institutions Code 1731.5(c)) are shown separately for 1984 thru 1986. The first year in which Department of Corrections cases were housed in the Youth Authority was 1984. Where data are not available for the CDC cases, the tables show "N/A."

The following offense categories are used in this report:

Violent Offenses: Homicide, robbery, all types of assaults, forcible rape, and kidnapping.

Property Offenses: Burglary, theft (including auto), forgery and check offenses, and arson.

Narcotic and Drug Offenses: All offenses related to narcotics and dangerous drugs.

Other Offenses: All offenses not specifically mentioned above.

The area of commitment format reflects county of commitment by potential Youth Authority Parole region.

1/ All first commitment information contained in this report refers to those offenders who were actually admitted into a Youth Authority facility.

HIGHLIGHTS OF FIRST COMMITMENT CHARACTERISTICS

During the second half of 1981, the Youth Authority implemented a policy of rejecting many of the more serious commitments from the criminal courts in order to ameliorate the pressures of increasing institution population. This policy continued through September 1982, when it was cancelled because Proposition 8, passed in the June election, barred a majority of these cases from Youth Authority commitment.

In January 1984, Senate Bill 821 became effective as Welfare and Institutions Code Section 1731.5(c). Under this section, California Department of Corrections (CDC) commitments can be placed in Youth Authority facilities by the sentencing court to serve their sentence. Until excluded from admission in March 1986, some of the CDC commitments may have had a prior Youth Authority commitment. However, for purposes of this report, they are treated as first commitments.

Any shift in characteristics in 1981 through 1986 must be interpreted in light of these changes in law and policy. Unless otherwise stated, figures include CDC commitments admitted into a Youth Authority facility.

- From 1985 to 1986, CYA commitments to the Youth Authority increased by two percent. In 1986, CDC cases represented 33 percent of the total first commitments and 84 percent of the criminal court commitments. Overall, juvenile court commitments increased to 61 percent and criminal court commitments declined to 39 percent in 1986 (including CDC cases).

- Ethnic minorities constituted 72 percent of the 1986 CYA commitments to the Youth Authority. Nine years ago, 61 percent of commitments were ethnic minorities.

- Violent-type offenders represented 38 percent of all the 1986 commitments to the Youth Authority, compared to a high of 50 percent in 1980.

- Seventy-seven percent of the CYA cases committed in 1986 who were in the job market were unemployed at the time of the offense. 2/

- Most (73 percent) of the 1986 CYA cases were living in the parental home at the time of their commitment and 49 percent came from two-parent homes comprised of either natural parents or parent surrogates. 2/

- Over one-half of the 1986 CYA cases had family members, primarily siblings, with criminal records. 2/

2/ Data not available for CDC cases.

- By far, the major problems identified as contributing to the anti-social behavior of the CYA cases committed in 1986 were the negative influences of peer groups (40 percent) and mental-emotional problems (26 percent). 2/

2/ Data not available for CDC cases.

Sex

The percentage of female first commitments has fluctuated between four and five percent over the past ten years. This was still true in 1986, with females comprising five percent of the total first commitments (six percent of the CYA cases and two percent of the CDC cases).

Court of Commitment

Historically, more than half of Youth Authority first commitments came from the juvenile courts. One exception occurred in 1976 when the criminal court commitments were the larger proportion (51 percent). Otherwise, in the decade shown, the proportion of juvenile court commitments has varied, reaching a low of 53 percent in 1981 and a high of 77 percent in 1983. In 1986, the overall juvenile court commitment rate was 61 percent of the total first commitments, which includes CDC cases.

Considering CYA cases only, the distribution of 1986 first commitments was 90 percent from juvenile courts and 10 percent from criminal courts.

County of Commitment

Over half of all commitments have been from Southern California (including Los Angeles), varying from a 57 percent low in 1977 to a high of 63 percent in 1980. The Los Angeles proportion increased steadily from 35 percent in 1977 to 45 percent in 1982, and has since remained about 40 percent. Half (50 percent) of CDC cases committed in 1986 were from Southern California with 35 percent from Los Angeles.

Primary Commitment Offense

Over the decade shown, those committed for violent offenses comprised more than 40 percent of all first commitments, reaching a 50 percent high in 1980, and decreasing steadily to a low of 38 percent in 1986. This is primarily due to policy and law changes restricting the more serious criminal court cases from Youth Authority acceptance. The percent of those committed for property offenses ranged from 44 percent in 1980 to 53 percent in 1984, dropping back to 44 percent in 1986. The most significant change this decade has been the increase in the proportion of those commitments for drug offenses, going from two percent of all first commitments in 1978 to 12 percent in 1986.

Ethnic Group

Commitments of minority groups to the Youth Authority have increased from 61 percent in 1977 to 70 percent in 1986. Sixty-four percent of the CDC cases were minorities in 1986. The Black ethnic group comprised the highest proportion for CYA cases (37 percent), while Whites comprised the highest proportion for CDC cases (36 percent).

Average Age at Commitment

The average age at commitment for CYA cases declined from 17.9 years in 1977 to 17.2 years in 1986, reflecting the overall decrease in direct criminal court commitments to the Youth Authority. The increased commitments and generally older age of CDC cases (19.7 years) increased the total average age of 1986 commitments to 18 years.

Number of Prior Escapes

The percentage of first commitments who have a known record of escape from custody has decreased over the years, from 18 percent in 1977 to 9 percent in 1986. Five percent of the male CDC cases committed in 1986 had a prior escape record. 3/

Co-Offenders

Generally, at least half of the commitments admitted over the ten-year period shown were involved with others in the commission of their committing offense. 3/

Physical Handicaps

Only a small proportion (approximately six percent) of Youth Authority and CDC cases were identified as having a physical disability at the time of commitment. 3/

Last Grade Enrolled in School

The differences in the reported last grade enrolled between 1977 and 1983 are the result of reporting changes. The figures since 1983 may be the most representative of the population at commitment. In 1983, those last enrolled at or below the 10th grade level comprised 59 percent of the total first commitments. This proportion declined to 46 percent in 1986. This appears to be reflective of the impact of the older CDC cases. Fifty-five percent of the CYA cases (with an average age of 17.2 years) were enrolled at the 10th grade level or below; whereas, 75 percent of the male CDC cases (with an average age of 19.7 years) were at the 11th grade level or above. 3/

Reading Comprehension

The reading comprehension grade level of first commitments is determined through the use of the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE). During the past decade the overall average grade level of those tested has been about the seventh grade. The 1986 CDC cases tested had a slightly higher average grade level of 7.9. 3/

3/ Data not available for female CDC cases.

Arithmetic Reasoning

The Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) is also used to determine the arithmetic ability of commitments. The average grade level of the first commitments tested has varied between 6.5 and 7.0 since 1977. The CDC cases tested scored slightly higher in 1986 (7.2 grade level). 3/

Prior Convictions or Sustained Petitions

Beginning in 1978, the definition of prior history was changed to reflect only prior convictions and sustained petitions. Comparable data for earlier years is not available. Since 1978, the percentage of CYA cases having one or more prior convictions or sustained petitions has fluctuated between 79 and 87 percent.

The percentage of CDC cases with prior convictions or sustained petitions has dropped steadily from 81 percent in 1984 to 76 percent in 1986. This may be a result of restricting the acceptance of CDC cases with a prior CYA commitment. 3/

Average Age at First Prior Conviction or Sustained Petition

The average age at which Youth Authority first commitments experienced a conviction or petition prior to the current commitment decreased slightly in 1986 to an age of 14.3 years. The average age for CDC males has increased slightly from 15.7 years for 1984 commitments to 15.9 years for 1986 commitments. 3/

Prior Commitments

The percentage of CYA cases who had at least one commitment to a county facility prior to their first Youth Authority commitment in 1986 increased to 69 percent from a low of 54 percent in 1982.

The proportion of CDC cases with prior commitments has decreased from 60 percent in 1984 to 57 percent in 1986, possibly as a result of restricting acceptance of CDC cases who had a prior CYA commitment. 3/

Average Age at First Prior Commitment

For CYA cases who experienced a county commitment, the average age at such a commitment decreased from 15.9 years in 1980 to 15.2 years in 1986. The average age for 1986 CDC placements was 16.7. 3/

Religion

Of those claiming a religious affiliation, slightly more than one-half of the CYA and CDC cases have consistently preferred to be identified as Protestants. The percent of those preferring to be identified as Catholic has fluctuated from a high of 48 (in 1978) to a low of 40 (in 1984). 3/

3/ Data not available for female CDC cases.

Parents' Marital Status

Approximately two-thirds of both CYA and CDC cases have come from homes broken by divorce, separation or death of parents. 3/

Information for the following items is collected from the Community Assessment Report by Youth Authority Parole Agents for CYA cases only. Since CDC cases are placed on CDC parole, this data is not collected by the Youth Authority.

Parental Configuration

About 49 percent of the 1986 first commitment CYA cases came from two-parent homes (either natural or substitute parents). This reflects an increase from 1981 when only 32 percent came from two-parent homes.

Placement Before Commitment

About three-quarters of the CYA cases committed over the past decade were living in their parents' home at the time of the offense that led to Youth Authority commitment.

Out-of-Home Placements

The percentage of the CYA cases who were placed out of the parental home at some time prior to their first Youth Authority commitment has fluctuated between 35 and 40 percent over the past decade.

Income Level of Home

During the past decade, approximately one-half of the CYA cases were determined to have come from homes with an adequate or better than adequate income.

Family Income from Public Assistance

Consistently, during the past decade, approximately 40 percent of the CYA cases' families were receiving public assistance.

Criminal Record of Family Members

Approximately 40 percent of the CYA cases committed in the last ten years had siblings with criminal records.

3/ Data not available for female CDC cases.

Economic Aspects of Immediate Neighborhood

About one-half of the CYA cases committed in the past decade came from homes where the neighborhood was considered by the Parole Agent as average or above in maintenance and appearance.

Delinquency Aspects of Immediate Neighborhood

During the past decade, the percentage of CYA cases from neighborhoods that were considered highly delinquent by the Parole Agent has risen from a low of 31 percent in 1976 to a high of 41 percent in 1984.

Major Problem Area

Consistently, the major problems that CYA cases were identified as experiencing while in the community were negative peer group influences and mental-emotional problems. The fastest growing identified problem area is drug/alcohol. After reaching a low of 11 percent in 1982, drug/alcohol is identified as the major problem in 23 percent of the 1986 CYA cases.

Employment

The percentage of CYA cases who were in the job market at the time of their first commitment to the Youth Authority has declined from a high of 68 percent in 1981 to a low of 50 percent in 1985. Approximately three-fourths of those in the job market were unemployed. This decrease can be partially attributable to the overall younger age of CYA cases committed since 1984.

TABLE 1

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1977-1986
(Showing percents of totals)

TOTAL

CHARACTERISTICS	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984 TOTAL	1984 CYA	1984 CDC	1985 TOTAL	1985 CYA	1985 CDC	1986 TOTAL	1986 CYA	1986 CDC
Total First Commitments.....	3626	3776	3640	3968	4083	3316	2891	3216	2554	662	3756	2521	1235	3835	2573	1262
Male.....	95.3	95.7	95.8	96.1	95.9	95.2	94.8	95.7	95.2	97.7	94.9	93.5	98.0	95.4	94.3	97.7
Female.....	4.7	4.3	4.2	3.9	4.1	4.8	5.2	4.3	4.8	2.3	5.1	6.5	2.0	4.6	5.7	2.3
Court of Commitment.....	3626	3776	3640	3968	4083	3316	2891	3216	2554	662	3756	2521	1235	3835	2573	1262
Juvenile.....	55.5	58.2	56.5	55.2	53.1	67.3	77.2	66.2	83.3	-	58.9	87.8	-	60.7	90.4	-
Criminal.....	45.4	41.8	43.5	44.8	46.9	32.7	22.8	33.8	16.7	100.0	41.1	12.2	100.0	39.3	9.6	100.0
County of Commitment.....	3626	3776	3640	3968	4083	3316	2891	3216	2554	662	3756	2521	1235	3835	2573	1262
REGION I																
(San Francisco Bay Area)....	26.9	24.7	24.4	22.2	23.7	21.4	21.7	20.1	17.8	28.9	21.5	20.4	23.7	21.0	17.3	28.3
Alameda.....	5.5	5.9	4.4	4.1	5.1	4.2	4.2	2.6	2.1	4.7	3.0	3.5	2.0	3.2	3.5	2.7
Contra Costa.....	2.0	1.7	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.8	2.1	2.3	1.7	4.7	1.8	1.3	2.9	2.4	1.4	4.3
Monterey.....	1.2	0.9	1.2	1.6	1.7	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.3	0.8	1.7	2.1	0.9	1.0	0.7	1.4
San Francisco.....	5.1	4.1	3.7	3.3	3.6	3.2	2.9	1.9	2.0	1.4	2.2	2.1	2.5	2.2	1.9	2.9
San Mateo.....	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.5	1.6	2.3	1.9	2.2	1.9	3.3	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.2	1.4	0.9
Santa Clara.....	7.4	6.3	6.5	5.4	6.1	6.2	6.4	5.8	5.5	7.2	6.4	5.6	8.2	7.1	5.4	10.5
10 Other Counties.....	4.0	4.2	4.8	4.2	3.7	2.5	3.1	4.1	3.3	6.8	4.5	4.1	5.3	3.9	3.0	5.6
REGION II																
(Northern California).....	19.3	20.2	17.6	17.8	17.7	20.8	22.8	22.0	21.3	24.6	23.7	22.9	25.3	22.6	23.2	21.3
Butte.....	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.7	1.5	0.9	0.6	1.4	0.9	1.0	0.6
Fresno.....	2.4	2.5	1.7	1.7	1.9	2.6	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.0	2.9	3.3	2.6	3.0	1.7
Kern.....	3.7	4.1	2.9	2.9	3.2	4.0	4.5	4.2	4.7	2.1	5.0	5.7	3.5	3.9	4.6	2.6
Madera.....	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.6	1.8	0.8	0.6	1.2	2.0	1.9	2.3
Sacramento.....	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.1	4.1	3.7	3.1	2.9	3.9	4.0	3.4	5.2	3.2	2.9	3.7
San Joaquin.....	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.7	2.0	1.5	1.6	1.8	2.1	0.9	2.2	2.1	2.3	1.7	1.9	1.5
Stanislaus.....	1.9	1.6	1.9	1.4	1.4	1.5	2.0	1.8	1.6	2.9	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.7
Tulare.....	1.1	1.6	1.1	1.3	0.8	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.4	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.5	1.6	1.1
23 Other Counties.....	4.4	4.2	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.7	4.6	4.0	6.9	5.5	5.3	6.0	5.1	4.6	6.1
REGION III																
Los Angeles.....	34.5	36.4	41.3	42.2	43.3	44.6	41.1	45.1	48.3	32.9	39.4	42.7	32.9	42.4	46.3	34.6

TABLE 1 (Continued)

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1977-1986
(Showing percents of totals)

TOTAL

CHARACTERISTICS	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984 TOTAL	1984 CYA	1984 CDC	1985 TOTAL	1985 CYA	1985 CDC	1986 TOTAL	1986 CYA	1986 CDC
REGION IV																
(Southern California).....	19.3	18.7	16.7	17.8	15.3	13.2	14.4	12.8	12.6	13.6	15.4	14.0	18.1	14.0	13.2	15.8
Orange.....	2.4	2.5	2.2	3.7	2.6	1.8	1.1	1.0	0.8	1.7	2.8	2.7	2.9	1.8	1.5	2.5
Riverside.....	2.8	2.3	1.8	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.0	3.4	1.8	3.2	3.4	2.8	2.9	2.7	3.4
San Bernardino.....	3.5	3.4	4.4	2.8	2.5	2.1	3.0	2.0	2.2	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.8	1.4	1.6	1.1
San Diego.....	6.2	5.8	5.0	5.1	3.6	2.6	3.2	3.2	3.2	2.9	4.7	4.0	6.0	5.0	4.7	5.6
Santa Barbara.....	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.7	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.6
Ventura.....	1.9	2.1	1.5	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.9	1.7	1.4	3.2	1.7	1.1	2.7	1.4	1.2	1.7
4 Other Counties.....	1.3	1.5	0.7	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.9
Primary Commitment Offense....	3626	3776	3640	3968	4083	3316	2891	3216	2554	662	3756	2521	1235	3835	2573	1262
Violent Offenses.....	45.1	46.3	47.8	49.9	49.1	45.0	42.1	41.2	41.5	39.7	39.8	38.4	42.4	38.3	36.1	42.9
Property Offenses.....	45.3	47.0	46.2	43.5	44.9	47.5	47.7	46.5	44.9	52.9	47.3	46.6	48.9	44.2	43.6	45.3
Narcotic & Drug Offenses....	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.7	5.6	5.6	6.5	2.3	7.0	8.5	3.9	12.0	14.0	8.0
Other Offenses.....	7.1	4.3	3.6	4.3	3.9	4.8	4.6	6.7	7.1	5.1	5.9	6.5	4.8	5.5	6.3	3.8
Ethnic Group.....	3626	3776	3640	3968	4083	3316	2891	3216	2554	662	3756	2521	1235	3835	2573	1262
White.....	39.3	39.3	35.3	33.7	31.9	32.5	31.1	31.1	28.7	40.3	34.4	31.6	40.2	30.5	28.0	35.6
Hispanic.....	25.6	26.7	28.4	28.6	27.5	28.2	30.8	29.8	31.2	24.2	29.9	32.0	25.6	30.7	31.4	29.4
Black.....	32.0	31.7	33.8	35.4	38.0	36.7	35.2	36.0	37.0	32.3	32.6	33.2	31.4	34.2	36.5	29.5
Other.....	3.1	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.6	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.2	2.8	4.6	4.1	5.5
Average Age at Commitment.....	17.9	17.8	17.9	17.9	17.9	17.5	17.4	17.7	17.2	19.5	18.0	17.1	19.6	18.0	17.2	19.7
Number of Prior Escapes.....	3626	3776	3640	3968	4083	3316	2891	3122	2548	574	3395	2355	1040	3123	2116	1007
None or Unknown.....	82.1	84.9	85.9	84.5	88.7	87.5	89.0	90.4	89.8	93.2	89.2	87.6	92.7	90.8	88.7	95.1
One or More.....	17.9	15.1	14.1	15.5	11.3	12.5	11.0	9.6	10.2	6.8	10.8	12.4	7.3	9.2	11.3	4.9
Co-Offenders.....	3626	3776	3640	3968	4083	3316	2891	3122	2548	574	3395	2355	1040	3123	2116	1007
None or Unknown.....	49.8	50.9	49.3	48.6	54.5	53.4	51.2	53.6	53.0	56.1	50.5	49.5	52.9	57.3	57.8	56.0
One or Two.....	43.3	41.4	43.0	43.8	39.4	39.6	41.1	39.8	40.2	38.3	41.8	41.8	41.6	35.8	35.6	39.3
Three or More.....	6.9	7.7	7.7	7.6	6.1	7.0	7.7	6.6	6.8	5.6	7.7	8.7	5.5	5.9	6.6	4.7

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TOTAL

CHARACTERISTICS	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984 TOTAL	1984 CYA	1984 CDC	1985 TOTAL	1985 CYA	1985 CDC	1986 TOTAL	1986 CYA	1986 CDC
Physical Handicaps.....	3626	3776	3640	3968	4083	3316	2891	3122	2548	574	3395	2355	1040	3123	2116	1007
None or Unknown.....	89.2	89.5	88.5	90.2	93.3	96.3	96.9	96.0	96.0	96.2	94.7	94.8	94.5	93.7	94.1	92.8
Yes.....	10.8	10.5	11.5	9.8	6.7	3.7	3.1	4.0	4.0	3.8	5.3	5.2	5.5	6.3	5.9	7.2
Last Grade Enrolled in School.	3386	3567	3453	3548	3220	2358	2019	2240	1835	405	2704	1867	837	2211	1571	640
First thru Ninth.....	16.4	19.2	18.3	19.7	21.2	21.2	22.8	21.2	23.9	8.9	18.6	23.4	7.9	17.9	22.2	7.5
Tenth.....	26.4	26.2	28.7	27.0	27.5	31.1	35.8	29.6	31.6	20.5	27.6	32.1	17.7	28.3	32.8	17.4
Eleventh.....	35.2	34.9	32.7	33.6	32.4	31.3	28.4	33.4	32.2	39.0	33.4	31.1	38.6	33.4	30.6	40.3
Twelfth or Above.....	22.0	19.7	20.0	19.7	18.9	16.4	13.0	15.8	12.3	31.6	20.4	13.4	35.8	20.4	14.4	34.8
Reading Comprehension (Average Grade Level).....	7.0	7.0	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.0	6.8	7.6	7.3	7.1	7.9	7.1	6.7	7.9
Arithmetic Reasoning (Average Grade Level).....	6.5	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.4	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.9	7.0	6.9	7.1	6.8	6.7	7.2
Prior Convictions or Sustained Petitions a/.....	-	3743	3588	3862	3674	2891	2592	3120	2546	574	3393	2354	1039	3121	2115	1006
None.....	-	13.6	14.5	15.9	19.6	21.1	14.5	15.9	15.2	19.0	15.4	13.3	20.3	17.0	13.4	24.5
One thru Four.....	-	55.5	61.1	60.2	61.4	58.8	59.7	61.9	63.3	56.1	59.2	62.3	51.9	59.1	61.6	53.9
Five thru Seven.....	-	19.9	18.6	18.1	13.8	15.2	19.3	17.5	17.0	19.3	19.0	18.6	20.0	17.4	18.6	15.0
Eight or More.....	-	11.0	5.8	5.8	5.2	4.9	6.5	4.7	4.5	5.6	6.4	5.8	7.8	6.5	6.4	6.6

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TABLE 1 (Continued)

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1977-1986
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TOTAL

CHARACTERISTICS	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984 TOTAL	1984 CYA	1984 CDC	1985 TOTAL	1985 CYA	1985 CDC	1986 TOTAL	1986 CYA	1986 CDC
Average Age at First Prior Conviction or Sustained Petition a/.....	13.7	14.7	15.0	15.0	15.0	14.6	14.5	14.6	14.4	15.7	14.7	14.4	15.6	14.8	14.3	15.9
Prior Commitments.....	3590	3743	3588	3862	3674	2891	2592	3122	2548	574	3395	2354	1040	3121	2115	1006
None.....	38.1	37.5	35.1	39.0	44.6	46.1	34.7	36.3	35.4	40.2	34.3	31.8	40.1	34.6	30.7	42.9
One.....	31.3	30.9	30.6	29.8	27.9	24.4	27.6	29.8	30.4	27.0	27.0	28.8	22.7	28.9	30.9	24.8
Two.....	17.0	19.3	20.2	17.3	14.9	16.2	19.5	18.8	19.6	15.2	17.6	18.5	15.8	19.7	21.4	16.1
Three or More.....	13.6	12.3	14.1	13.9	12.6	13.3	18.2	15.1	14.6	17.6	21.1	20.9	21.4	16.8	17.0	16.2
Average Age at First Prior Commitment.....	15.8	15.7	15.7	15.9	15.8	15.3	15.3	15.4	15.2	16.5	15.5	15.1	16.5	15.6	15.2	16.7
Religion.....	2849	2935	2161	2242	2482	2076	1785	2301	1944*	357	2291	1599	692	1983	1334	649
Catholic.....	45.3	48.3	46.5	46.4	45.9	43.8	44.3	40.5	40.6	39.5	44.2	44.7	43.2	44.7	43.5	47.1
Protestant.....	52.8	49.0	52.4	53.4	53.9	56.0	55.5	53.4	52.3	59.4	53.8	53.6	54.2	54.1	55.5	51.2
Other.....	1.9	2.7	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.8	1.1	2.0	1.7	2.6	1.2	1.0	1.7
Parents' Marital Status.....	3511	3627	3500	3549	3035	2490	2093	3030	2472	558	3147	2200	947	2804	1918	886
Never Married.....	8.9	10.2	12.7	12.1	13.1	11.2	15.7	13.3	15.0	5.7	12.5	14.3	8.6	14.2	16.3	9.6
Presently Married.....	29.7	30.0	28.0	25.7	25.7	22.0	19.5	22.2	21.3	26.3	20.8	19.2	24.5	21.7	20.1	25.1
No Longer Married.....	61.4	59.8	59.3	62.2	61.2	66.8	64.7	64.5	63.7	67.9	66.7	66.5	66.9	64.1	63.6	65.3

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CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1977-1986
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CYA CASES ONLY 1/

CHARACTERISTICS	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
Parents in Household.....	3068	3217	2838	2996	2865	2442	2246	2130	1969	1809
No Parents in Home.....	6.6	5.9	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.1	4.0	3.5	4.3	4.0
One-Parent Home.....	46.2	46.1	61.8	62.0	62.2	48.9	51.4	51.0	48.1	47.3
Two-Parent Home.....	47.2	48.0	32.5	32.2	32.1	46.0	44.6	45.5	47.6	48.7
Placement Before Commitment...	3033	3186	2809	2899	2831	2411	2216	2095	1951	1771
Parents.....	73.6	74.0	73.0	74.2	74.1	76.1	77.0	76.4	75.5	73.3
Relatives.....	8.6	9.1	9.7	10.1	8.4	9.0	9.8	11.3	10.3	12.6
Foster/Group Home.....	6.5	6.6	5.3	5.2	6.4	6.4	7.5	7.0	8.7	9.6
Independent.....	11.3	10.3	12.0	10.5	11.1	8.5	5.7	5.3	5.5	4.5
Out-of-Home Placement.....	2795	2985	2605	2737	2626	2237	2052	1990	1832	1603
None.....	64.0	65.1	63.4	63.2	64.4	64.4	64.0	63.4	60.9	61.5
One.....	16.9	15.6	15.9	16.8	16.5	15.4	18.8	16.2	16.2	14.2
Two or More.....	19.1	19.3	20.7	20.0	19.1	20.2	21.2	20.4	22.9	24.3
Income Level of Home.....	2879	3080	2724	2826	2702	2323	2123	2032	1886	1711
Less than Adequate.....	46.3	42.8	42.7	43.4	42.8	46.7	53.2	50.3	49.5	46.4
Adequate.....	49.5	53.1	52.3	52.8	52.7	50.2	43.9	45.9	46.9	50.3
More than Adequate.....	4.2	4.1	5.1	3.8	4.5	3.1	2.9	3.8	3.6	3.3
Family Income from Public Assistance.....	2773	2944	2586	2654	2570	2231	2031	1914	1778	1546
None.....	60.5	63.0	63.2	62.3	64.4	62.0	58.2	58.3	59.1	58.2
Less than One-Half.....	9.0	9.2	9.5	10.0	8.7	8.8	8.1	8.9	9.3	8.0
One-Half or more.....	30.5	27.8	27.3	27.7	26.9	29.2	33.7	32.8	31.6	33.8

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TABLE 1 (Continued)

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1977-1986
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CYA CASES ONLY 1/

CHARACTERISTICS	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
Criminal Record of Family Members	2652	2838	2522	2575	2549	2134	1943	1870	1727	1501
None	49.0	47.4	45.7	46.6	47.7	48.6	45.0	46.3	49.4	45.7
Parents Only	7.8	7.6	9.2	8.9	8.3	10.5	10.9	14.0	12.0	14.3
Siblings Only	34.6	34.4	34.0	32.3	32.0	29.1	31.1	28.3	26.4	27.9
Both	8.6	10.6	11.1	12.2	12.0	11.8	13.0	11.4	12.2	12.1
Economic Aspects of Immediate Neighborhood	2836	2963	3123	2760	2855	2349	2194	2072	1945	1755
Above Average	6.9	6.3	6.1	7.8	7.3	5.5	5.1	6.6	7.0	5.2
Average	50.1	50.3	51.4	47.8	48.5	48.6	43.2	43.3	44.7	46.1
Below Average	43.0	43.4	42.5	44.4	44.2	45.9	51.7	50.1	48.3	48.7
Delinquency Aspects of Immediate neighborhood	2803	2957	3119	2744	2793	2330	2185	2076	1933	1746
Nondelinquent	6.6	5.7	5.9	6.8	6.9	5.1	4.9	5.9	8.3	5.6
Minimally Delinquent	25.2	22.2	24.6	25.5	23.6	24.5	19.8	18.5	20.7	22.0
Moderately Delinquent	36.3	39.4	37.4	36.0	34.6	35.1	36.6	34.8	33.6	34.7
Highly Delinquent	31.9	32.7	32.1	31.7	34.9	35.3	38.7	40.8	37.4	37.7
Major Problem Area	2872	3029	2733	2887	2718	2318	2128	2064	1905	1735
None	1.3	1.0	0.6	1.5	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.2
Employment	5.9	5.4	5.1	6.3	6.3	4.4	2.6	2.1	3.7	2.9
Family	8.5	8.5	7.5	7.1	6.6	7.9	7.7	6.0	7.5	5.2
School	3.3	2.7	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.1	1.3	1.7	2.6	2.7
Drugs/Alcohol	14.3	14.0	15.2	15.2	13.9	11.3	14.0	14.5	16.3	23.1
Peer Influence	42.8	41.6	41.2	39.7	43.4	47.3	49.5	52.4	43.8	39.5
Mental/Emotional	23.9	26.8	27.9	27.5	26.4	26.7	24.4	22.7	25.1	26.4
Employment Status	3011	3166	2801	2875	2794	2381	2191	2071	1942	1737
Not in Job Market	36.4	32.7	33.1	32.9	32.0	40.0	46.7	49.1	50.3	50.5
Unemployed	44.2	45.7	43.7	45.7	45.9	43.6	39.4	37.0	36.9	37.9
Employed Part-Time	10.0	11.6	12.3	9.1	13.6	10.8	9.3	10.1	9.6	8.9
Employed Full-Time	9.4	10.0	10.9	12.3	8.5	5.6	4.6	3.8	3.2	2.7

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TABLE 2

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MALES ONLY

CHARACTERISTICS	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984 TOTAL	1984 CYA	1984 CDC	1985 TOTAL	1985 CYA	1985 CDC	1986 TOTAL	1986 CYA	1986 CDC
Total Male First Commitments..	3457	3614	3487	3814	3914	3156	2742	3079	2432	647	3566	2356	1210	3660	2427	1233
Court of Commitment.....	3457	3614	3487	3814	3914	3156	2742	3079	2432	647	3566	2356	1210	3660	2427	1233
Juvenile.....	55.1	57.6	56.1	54.7	52.5	66.8	76.7	65.6	83.1	-	57.8	87.5	-	59.9	90.3	-
Criminal.....	44.9	42.4	43.9	45.3	47.5	33.2	23.3	34.4	16.9	100.0	42.2	12.5	100.0	40.1	9.7	100.0
County of Commitment.....	3457	3614	3487	3814	3914	3156	2742	3079	2432	647	3566	2356	1210	3660	2427	1233
REGION I																
(San Francisco Bay Area)....	26.4	24.3	24.2	22.2	23.3	21.0	21.8	19.9	17.6	28.8	21.3	20.1	23.6	21.0	17.3	28.2
Alameda.....	5.5	5.9	4.3	4.1	5.0	4.3	4.2	2.7	2.1	4.8	3.0	3.5	2.1	3.3	3.6	2.8
Contra Costa.....	2.0	1.7	1.9	2.1	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.3	1.6	4.8	1.8	1.3	3.0	2.4	1.4	4.1
Monterey.....	1.2	0.9	1.2	1.5	1.8	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.4	0.8	1.7	2.1	0.9	0.9	0.7	1.4
San Francisco.....	4.8	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.3	3.0	2.9	1.8	1.9	1.4	2.2	1.9	2.6	2.2	1.9	2.9
San Mateo.....	1.7	1.5	1.9	1.5	1.7	2.2	1.9	2.2	1.9	3.4	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.2	1.3	0.9
Santa Clara.....	7.5	6.2	6.4	4.5	6.1	6.0	6.5	5.6	5.4	6.8	6.4	5.5	8.2	7.2	5.5	10.6
10 Other Counties.....	3.7	4.1	4.8	4.2	3.6	2.5	3.2	4.1	3.3	6.8	4.4	4.0	5.1	3.8	2.9	5.5
REGION II																
(Northern California).....	19.2	20.0	17.3	17.5	17.5	20.6	22.5	21.8	21.0	24.4	23.7	22.7	25.5	22.5	23.1	21.2
Butte.....	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.6	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.7	1.4	0.9	0.6	1.4	0.8	0.9	0.6
Fresno.....	2.5	2.5	1.6	1.7	1.9	2.7	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.3	2.5	2.9	1.7
Kern.....	3.6	3.8	2.9	2.8	3.1	3.9	4.3	4.0	4.5	2.2	4.7	5.3	3.6	3.9	4.6	2.7
Madera.....	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.6	1.9	0.8	0.6	1.2	2.0	1.8	2.3
Sacramento.....	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.1	4.2	3.7	3.0	2.8	3.9	4.2	3.6	5.3	3.3	3.0	3.7
San Joaquin.....	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.7	2.0	1.6	1.6	1.9	2.1	0.9	2.1	2.0	2.2	1.8	1.9	1.5
Stanislaus.....	1.9	1.6	2.0	1.4	1.4	1.3	2.0	1.9	1.6	2.9	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.8
Tulare.....	1.1	1.6	1.0	1.2	0.8	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.5	1.7	1.1
23 Other Counties.....	4.5	4.2	3.6	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.5	4.6	4.0	6.9	5.6	5.4	6.0	5.0	4.7	5.8
REGION III																
Los Angeles.....	35.3	37.0	41.9	42.3	43.8	45.2	41.0	45.4	48.6	33.5	39.5	42.9	33.0	42.3	46.2	34.7

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MALES ONLY

CHARACTERISTICS	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984			1985			1986		
								TOTAL	CYA	CDC	TOTAL	CYA	CDC	TOTAL	CYA	CDC
REGION IV																
(Southern California).....	19.1	18.7	16.6	18.0	15.4	13.2	14.7	12.9	12.8	13.3	15.5	14.3	17.9	14.2	13.4	15.9
Orange.....	2.5	2.5	2.3	3.7	2.6	1.8	1.2	1.0	0.8	1.7	2.7	2.6	2.9	1.9	1.6	2.4
Riverside.....	2.8	2.3	1.7	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.5	3.1	3.5	1.9	3.2	3.4	2.8	2.9	2.7	3.5
San Bernardino.....	3.4	3.3	4.5	2.9	2.6	2.1	3.1	2.0	2.2	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.9	1.5	1.6	1.1
San Diego.....	6.1	5.9	5.0	5.2	3.7	2.7	3.2	3.2	3.3	2.6	4.9	4.3	6.1	5.1	4.7	5.7
Santa Barbara.....	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.7	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.7
Ventura.....	1.9	2.1	1.4	2.0	1.9	1.5	1.9	1.8	1.4	3.2	1.6	1.2	2.4	1.4	1.3	1.6
4 Other Counties.....	1.2	1.5	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.9
Primary Commitment Offense....	3457	3614	3487	3814	3914	3156	2742	3079	2432	647	3566	2356	1210	3660	2427	1233
Violent Offenses.....	44.8	45.9	47.4	49.6	49.3	44.2	41.6	40.6	40.8	39.7	39.1	37.5	42.2	38.1	35.9	42.7
Property Offenses.....	46.0	47.4	46.6	43.8	44.9	48.4	48.5	46.5	44.8	53.0	48.3	47.9	49.0	44.8	44.3	45.7
Narcotic & Drug Offenses....	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.6	5.2	5.3	6.2	2.2	6.6	8.0	4.0	11.9	13.8	7.9
Other Offenses.....	6.9	4.3	3.6	4.3	3.8	4.8	4.7	7.6	8.2	5.1	6.0	6.6	4.8	5.2	6.0	3.7
Ethnic Group.....	3457	3614	3487	3814	3914	3156	2742	3079	2432	647	3566	2356	1210	3660	2427	1233
White.....	39.5	38.8	34.9	33.5	31.6	31.8	30.8	30.9	28.4	40.2	33.8	30.7	39.9	30.0	27.3	35.3
Hispanic.....	25.6	27.0	28.3	28.6	27.7	28.7	31.1	30.0	31.6	24.1	30.1	32.5	25.5	30.9	31.5	29.8
Black.....	31.9	31.8	34.4	35.8	38.1	36.9	35.4	35.9	36.8	32.5	32.9	33.5	31.7	34.5	37.1	29.4
Other.....	3.0	2.4	2.4	2.1	2.6	2.6	2.7	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	2.9	4.6	4.1	5.5
Average Age at Commitment.....	18.0	17.8	17.9	17.9	17.9	17.6	17.4	17.7	17.3	19.5	18.0	17.2	19.6	18.0	17.2	19.7
Prior Escapes.....	3457	3614	3487	3814	3914	3156	2742	3000	2426	574	3232	2205	1027	3021	2014	1007
None or Unknown.....	81.8	84.6	85.9	.6	88.8	87.9	88.9	90.4	89.7	93.2	89.0	87.3	92.6	90.8	88.6	95.1
One or More.....	18.2	15.4	14.1	.5.4	11.2	12.1	11.1	9.6	10.3	6.8	11.0	12.7	7.4	9.2	11.4	4.9
Co-Offenders.....	3457	3614	3487	3814	3914	3156	2742	3000	2426	574	3232	2205	1027	3021	2014	1007
None or Unknown.....	49.5	50.7	49.5	48.3	54.2	53.4	51.2	53.1	52.3	56.1	50.3	49.1	53.0	56.8	57.2	56.0
One or Two.....	43.5	41.6	43.0	44.2	39.7	39.8	41.2	40.2	40.7	38.3	42.2	42.5	41.6	37.2	36.1	39.3
Three or More.....	6.9	7.7	7.5	7.5	6.1	6.8	7.6	6.7	7.0	5.6	7.5	8.4	5.4	6.0	6.7	4.7

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MALES ONLY

CHARACTERISTICS	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984			1985			1986		
								TOTAL	CYA	CDC	TOTAL	CYA	CDC	TOTAL	CYA	CDC
Physical Handicaps.....	3457	3614	3487	3814	3914	3156	2742	3000	2426	574	3232	2205	1027	3021	2014	1007
None or Unknown.....	89.0	89.6	88.8	91.8	94.6	96.3	96.8	95.9	95.8	96.2	94.5	94.5	94.4	93.5	93.8	92.8
Yes.....	11.0	10.4	11.2	8.2	5.4	3.7	3.2	4.7	4.2	3.8	5.5	5.5	5.6	6.5	6.2	7.2
Last Grade Enrolled in School	3230	3410	3310	3450	3113	2256	1933	2192	1787	405	2646	1810	836	2140	1500	640
First thru Ninth.....	15.8	18.4	17.6	19.4	20.9	20.5	22.6	20.9	23.6	8.9	18.4	23.3	7.9	17.2	21.3	7.5
Tenth.....	26.2	26.2	28.6	26.9	27.5	30.9	35.5	29.5	31.5	20.5	27.5	32.0	17.7	28.2	32.8	17.4
Eleventh.....	35.8	35.5	33.0	33.8	32.7	32.0	28.6	33.6	32.4	39.0	33.6	31.3	38.6	34.0	31.3	40.3
Twelfth or Above.....	22.2	19.9	20.8	19.9	18.9	16.6	13.3	16.0	12.5	31.6	20.5	13.4	35.8	20.6	14.6	34.8
Reading Comprehension (Average Grade Level).....	7.0	7.0	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.0	6.9	7.6	7.3	7.1	7.9	7.1	6.8	7.9
Arithmetic Reasoning (Average Grade Level).....	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.4	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.9	7.0	6.9	7.1	6.8	6.7	7.1
Prior Convictions or Sustained Petitions a/.....	-	3582	3437	3712	3530	2743	2463	2998	2424	574	3230	2204	1026	3019	2013	1006
None.....	-	12.6	13.7	15.4	19.6	21.1	14.1	15.9	15.2	19.0	15.3	12.9	20.4	17.0	13.2	24.5
One thru Four.....	-	55.8	61.3	60.4	61.2	59.0	59.7	61.8	63.2	56.1	58.6	61.8	51.8	58.9	61.4	53.9
Five thru Seven.....	-	20.5	19.1	18.3	14.1	15.1	19.7	17.5	17.1	19.3	19.6	19.4	20.0	17.5	18.8	15.0
Eight or More.....	-	11.1	5.9	5.9	5.1	4.8	6.5	4.7	4.5	5.6	6.5	5.9	7.8	6.6	6.6	6.6

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CHARACTERISTICS	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984 TOTAL	1984 CYA	1984 CDC	1985 TOTAL	1985 CYA	1985 CDC	1986 TOTAL	1986 CYA	1986 CDC
Average Age at First Prior Conviction or Sustained Petition a/.....	13.8	14.7	14.9	15.0	15.0	14.7	14.5	14.6	14.4	15.7	14.8	14.4	15.6	14.8	14.3	15.9
Prior Commitments.....	3423	3582	3437	3712	3530	2743	2463	2998	2424	574	3230	2204	1026	3019	2013	1006
None.....	37.2	36.6	34.1	38.3	44.1	45.1	33.5	35.4	34.3	40.2	33.1	29.9	39.8	33.8	29.3	42.9
One.....	31.8	31.2	31.1	29.9	28.0	24.5	27.8	30.2	30.9	27.0	27.1	29.1	22.9	29.1	31.2	24.8
Two.....	17.3	19.7	20.4	17.7	15.2	16.7	19.8	19.0	20.0	15.2	18.0	19.1	15.7	20.0	21.9	16.1
Three or More.....	13.7	12.5	14.4	14.1	12.7	13.7	18.9	15.4	14.8	17.6	21.8	21.9	21.6	17.1	17.6	16.2
Average Age at First Prior Commitment.....	15.8	15.7	15.7	15.9	15.8	15.3	15.3	15.4	15.2	16.5	15.5	15.1	16.5	15.6	15.2	16.7
Religion.....	2732	2812	2097	2196	2482	2069	1780	2179	1822	357	2278	1590	688	1973	1324	649
Catholic.....	45.2	48.4	46.3	46.4	45.9	43.9	44.4	42.7	43.4	39.5	44.5	45.0	43.5	45.0	43.9	47.1
Protestant.....	53.0	49.0	52.8	53.4	53.9	55.9	55.5	56.4	55.8	59.4	53.7	53.3	54.5	53.8	55.1	51.2
Other.....	1.8	2.6	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.8	1.7	2.0	1.2	1.0	1.7
Parents' Marital Status.....	3348	3468	3349	3404	2900	2361	1982	2914	2356	558	2992	2057	935	2719	1833	886
Never Married.....	8.7	9.8	12.5	11.6	13.0	11.2	15.3	13.4	15.2	5.7	12.7	14.6	8.4	14.2	16.4	9.6
Presently Married.....	30.0	30.1	28.1	26.1	26.0	22.1	19.8	22.4	21.5	26.4	21.0	19.5	24.3	22.0	20.6	25.1
No Longer Married.....	61.3	60.1	59.4	62.3	61.0	66.7	64.9	64.2	63.3	67.9	66.3	65.9	67.3	63.8	63.0	65.3

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CYA MALES ONLY 1/

CHARACTERISTICS	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
Parents in Household.....	2928	3079	2718	2877	2742	2884	2130	2032	1841	1712
No Parents in Home.....	6.3	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.41	4.2	3.9	8.5	4.0	4.2
One-Parent Home.....	46.3	45.9	61.7	61.7	62.3	39.0	51.5	68.4	48.2	47.1
Two-Parent Home.....	47.4	48.4	32.6	32.6	32.3	56.8	44.6	23.1	47.8	48.7
Placement Before Commitment..	2897	3051	2692	2788	2711	2290	2101	2001	1828	1678
Parents.....	74.1	74.7	73.8	74.8	75.3	77.0	77.9	77.3	76.4	74.4
Relatives.....	8.7	9.3	9.8	10.2	8.1	9.0	9.9	11.2	10.3	12.3
Foster/Group Home.....	6.2	6.2	4.9	4.9	5.9	5.9	6.9	6.9	8.0	9.1
Independent.....	11.0	9.8	11.5	10.1	10.7	8.1	5.3	4.6	5.3	4.2
Out-of-Home Placement.....	2666	2858	2496	2625	2517	2123	1952	1902	1711	1515
None.....	64.6	65.8	64.4	64.0	65.1	65.4	64.7	64.0	62.2	62.6
One.....	16.9	15.4	16.0	16.9	16.4	15.4	14.5	16.2	16.1	14.1
Two or More.....	18.5	18.8	19.6	19.1	18.5	19.2	20.8	19.8	21.7	23.3
Income Level of Home.....	2750	2952	2613	2716	2591	2206	2015	1941	1765	1614
Less than Adequate.....	46.0	42.5	42.6	43.3	42.9	46.9	53.1	50.2	49.8	46.2
Adequate.....	49.8	53.4	52.5	52.9	52.5	50.1	44.0	16.2	46.6	50.6
More than Adequate.....	4.2	4.1	4.9	3.8	4.6	3.0	2.9	3.6	3.6	3.2
Family Income from Public Assistance.....	2646	2822	2481	2551	2472	2119	1936	1828	1662	1459
None.....	61.0	63.3	63.3	62.9	64.6	62.1	58.7	58.8	58.8	58.3
Less than One-Half.....	8.9	9.3	9.5	9.7	8.6	8.5	7.7	9.0	9.4	8.1
One-Half or More.....	30.1	27.4	27.2	27.4	26.8	29.4	33.6	32.2	31.8	33.6

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CHARACTERISTICS	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
Criminal Record of Family Members	2526	2717	2412	2475	2366	2025	1845	1784	1611	1421
None	49.1	47.8	46.0	46.7	47.9	48.6	45.3	46.7	49.5	45.7
Parents Only	7.8	7.5	9.2	8.9	8.0	10.4	10.6	13.5	12.0	13.9
Siblings Only	34.9	34.4	34.2	32.2	32.2	29.3	31.2	28.6	26.3	28.3
Both	8.2	10.3	10.6	12.2	11.9	11.7	12.9	11.2	12.2	12.1
Economic Aspects of Immediate Neighborhood	2827	2997	2648	2741	2620	2230	2082	1978	1818	1657
Above Average	6.3	6.3	7.9	7.4	6.1	5.1	4.9	6.4	6.8	5.4
Average	50.4	51.5	47.8	48.6	47.6	48.5	43.4	43.2	44.2	45.9
Below Average	43.3	42.2	44.3	44.0	46.3	46.4	51.7	50.4	49.0	48.7
Delinquency Aspects of Immediate Neighborhood	2820	2992	2634	2685	2633	2210	2073	1983	1812	1649
Nondelinquent	5.5	5.8	6.6	6.9	6.7	5.0	4.8	5.9	8.2	5.4
Minimally Delinquent	22.4	24.5	25.4	23.5	21.9	24.0	19.5	18.3	20.1	21.8
Moderately Delinquent	39.4	37.8	36.2	34.7	36.0	35.5	36.7	35.3	33.4	34.6
Highly Delinquent	32.7	31.9	31.8	34.9	35.4	35.5	39.0	40.5	38.3	38.2
Major Problem Area	2737	2902	2612	2765	2600	2197	2016	1970	1777	1637
None	1.3	1.0	0.6	1.4	0.9	0.4	0.5	0.6	1.1	0.2
Employment	6.1	5.5	5.2	6.4	6.5	4.6	2.7	2.2	3.7	3.1
Family	8.4	8.4	7.3	6.9	6.4	7.7	7.4	5.6	7.5	5.0
School	3.3	2.8	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.2	1.2	1.7	2.5	2.9
Drugs/Alcohol	14.2	13.9	15.3	15.2	13.8	11.3	13.7	14.1	16.2	22.1
Peer Influence	43.0	42.4	41.8	40.3	44.0	48.0	50.3	53.3	44.5	40.7
Mental/Emotional	23.7	26.0	27.3	27.1	25.9	25.8	24.2	22.5	24.5	26.0

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CHARACTERISTICS	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
Employment Status.....	2871	3033	2685	2758	2676	2256	2079	1977	1814	1641
Not in Job Market.....	35.6	32.0	32.6	32.6	31.3	38.7	46.2	48.6	49.9	49.9
Unemployed.....	44.3	45.7	43.8	45.5	46.1	44.4	39.4	37.2	36.8	38.1
Employed Part-Time.....	10.4	11.9	12.5	9.3	13.9	11.2	9.6	10.3	9.9	9.2
Employed Full-Time.....	9.7	10.4	11.1	12.6	8.7	5.7	4.8	3.9	3.4	2.8

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Note: Unless indicated differently, responses coded as unknown were removed from each item thus accounting for differing totals.

TABLE 3

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FEMALES ONLY

CHARACTERISTICS	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984 TOTAL	1984 CYA	1984 CDC	1985 TOTAL	1985 CYA	1985 CDC	1986 TOTAL	1986 CYA	1986 CDC
Total Female First Commitments	169	162	153	154	169	160	149	137	122	15	190	165	25	175	146	29
Court of Commitment.....	169	162	153	154	169	160	149	137	122	15	190	165	25	175	146	29
Juvenile.....	54.5	70.4	66.7	65.6	68.0	76.3	86.6	78.8	88.5	-	79.5	91.5	-	76.6	91.8	-
Criminal.....	35.5	29.6	33.3	34.4	32.0	23.7	13.4	21.2	11.5	100.0	20.5	8.5	100.0	23.4	8.2	100.0
County of Commitment.....	169	162	153	154	169	160	149	137	122	15	190	165	25	175	146	29
REGION I																
(San Francisco Bay Area)....	36.1	34.5	30.1	24.0	33.1	30.0	18.8	23.4	22.1	33.3	25.8	25.5	28.0	20.0	17.8	31.0
Alameda.....	5.9	6.8	6.5	3.9	5.9	3.1	5.4	1.5	1.6	-	3.2	3.6	-	1.2	1.4	-
Contra Costa.....	2.9	1.2	4.6	1.9	4.1	1.2	3.4	2.9	3.3	-	1.0	1.2	-	2.9	1.4	10.3
Monterey.....	1.8	1.8	0.7	3.9	1.2	2.5	-	0.7	0.8	-	2.1	2.4	-	1.1	1.4	-
San Francisco.....	8.9	6.8	5.2	3.9	10.1	6.9	2.0	3.7	4.1	-	3.7	4.3	-	1.7	1.4	3.5
San Mateo.....	1.8	3.1	1.3	1.3	1.2	4.4	1.3	1.5	1.6	-	2.1	1.2	8.0	2.3	2.8	-
Santa Clara.....	6.5	7.4	7.2	3.9	5.3	9.4	4.7	9.5	7.4	26.7	7.4	7.3	8.0	5.1	4.7	6.9
10 Other Counties.....	8.3	7.4	4.6	5.2	5.3	2.5	2.0	3.6	3.3	6.6	6.3	5.5	12.0	5.7	4.7	10.3
REGION II																
(Northern California).....	23.1	24.1	24.8	23.4	21.3	24.4	28.2	27.0	26.2	33.3	23.2	24.2	16.0	25.1	24.6	27.6
Butte.....	1.2	1.2	0.6	0.7	1.2	0.6	0.7	0.7	-	6.6	1.1	0.6	4.0	2.3	2.0	3.5
Fresno.....	2.4	1.9	3.3	1.9	1.8	0.6	4.0	5.9	5.8	6.7	2.1	1.8	4.0	4.6	4.8	3.5
Kern.....	6.5	10.5	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.7	7.4	8.0	9.0	-	9.5	10.9	-	4.0	4.8	-
Madera.....	2.4	0.6	-	1.9	1.8	0.6	0.7	-	-	-	0.5	0.6	-	3.4	3.4	3.4
Sacramento.....	2.9	1.9	3.9	1.9	2.9	1.9	4.0	5.1	4.9	6.7	0.5	0.6	-	1.1	1.4	-
San Joaquin.....	2.4	1.2	-	2.6	1.8	0.6	2.0	0.7	0.8	-	3.1	3.0	4.0	0.6	0.7	-
Stanislaus.....	2.9	1.2	0.7	2.6	1.2	5.0	1.3	0.7	0.8	-	1.1	1.2	-	2.3	2.7	-
Tulare.....	0.6	1.2	3.3	3.3	1.2	1.3	-	1.5	0.8	6.7	1.1	1.2	-	1.1	1.4	-
23 Other Counties.....	1.8	4.4	7.8	3.3	4.1	8.1	8.1	4.4	4.1	6.6	4.2	4.2	4.0	5.7	3.4	17.2
REGION III																
Los Angeles.....	18.9	24.1	26.1	39.6	31.4	33.7	42.9	39.4	43.5	6.7	38.4	40.0	28.0	44.6	47.3	31.0

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CHARACTERISTICS	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984 TOTAL	1984 CYA	1984 CDC	1985 TOTAL	1985 CYA	1985 CDC	1986 TOTAL	1986 CYA	1986 CDC
REGION IV																
(Southern California).....	21.9	17.3	19.0	13.0	14.2	11.9	10.1	10.2	8.2	26.7	12.6	10.3	28.0	10.3	10.3	10.4
Orange.....	0.6	3.1	1.3	3.2	2.9	1.9	-	0.7	0.8	-	3.7	3.7	4.0	1.1	-	6.9
Riverside.....	2.4	2.5	3.3	3.2	3.6	1.2	3.3	0.7	0.8	-	2.1	2.4	-	2.3	2.7	-
San Bernardino.....	4.1	3.1	2.6	2.0	0.6	1.2	-	0.7	0.8	-	-	-	-	0.6	0.7	-
San Diego.....	7.7	2.5	4.6	2.0	2.9	1.3	3.4	3.0	1.7	13.3	1.6	1.2	4.0	2.8	3.5	-
Santa Barbara.....	1.8	1.8	3.3	2.6	1.2	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.4	-	3.1	3.0	4.0	2.3	2.7	-
Ventura.....	2.4	3.1	2.6	-	1.8	1.9	0.7	0.7	0.8	-	2.1	-	16.0	0.6	-	3.5
4 Other Counties.....	2.9	1.2	1.3	-	1.2	2.5	0.7	2.2	0.8	13.4	-	-	-	0.6	0.7	-
Primary Commitment Offense....	169	162	153	154	169	160	149	137	122	15	190	165	25	175	146	29
Violent Offenses.....	51.5	54.9	58.1	55.8	44.4	45.6	51.0	35.0	34.4	40.0	51.1	50.9	52.0	42.3	40.4	51.7
Property Offenses.....	32.0	37.0	35.3	36.4	45.0	31.3	31.5	47.5	47.5	46.6	30.0	27.9	44.0	31.4	31.5	31.0
Narcotic & Drug Offenses....	7.7	3.1	3.3	3.9	4.1	5.0	14.1	11.7	12.4	6.7	14.2	16.4	-	16.0	17.1	10.4
Other Offenses.....	8.8	5.0	3.3	3.9	6.5	18.1	3.4	5.8	6.7	6.7	4.7	4.8	4.0	10.3	11.0	6.9
Ethnic Group.....	169	162	153	154	169	160	149	137	122	15	190	165	25	175	146	29
White.....	36.1	49.4	44.4	38.9	38.5	46.9	36.9	35.8	34.4	46.6	45.3	44.3	52.0	41.1	40.4	44.8
Hispanic.....	25.5	19.7	30.1	29.9	21.3	17.5	25.5	24.8	24.6	26.7	24.7	24.2	28.0	26.3	28.8	13.8
Black.....	34.3	28.4	20.3	27.3	37.3	32.5	32.2	37.9	39.4	26.7	28.4	29.7	20.0	28.0	26.7	34.5
Other.....	4.1	2.5	5.2	3.9	2.9	3.1	5.4	1.5	1.6	-	1.6	1.8	-	4.6	4.1	6.9
Average Age at Commitment.....	17.5	17.3	17.4	17.3	17.5	16.9	17.0	17.3	17.0	19.5	18.3	16.9	19.7	17.4	16.9	19.7

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CHARACTERISTICS	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984 TOTAL	1984 CYA	1984 CDC	1985 TOTAL	1985 CYA	1985 CDC	1986 TOTAL	1986 CYA	1986 CDC
Prior Escapes.....	169	162	153	154	169	160	149	-	122	n/a	163	150	13	n/a	102	n/a
None or Unknown.....	88.2	91.4	85.6	81.2	85.2	78.8	91.3	-	90.2	n/a	92.6	92.0	100.0	n/a	90.2	n/a
One or More.....	11.8	8.6	14.4	18.8	14.8	21.2	8.7	-	9.8	n/a	7.4	8.0	-	n/a	9.8	n/a
Co-Offenders.....	169	162	153	154	169	160	149	-	122	n/a	163	150	13	n/a	102	n/a
None or Unknown.....	55.0	56.2	44.4	56.5	59.8	53.8	52.0	-	65.6	n/a	55.2	56.0	46.2	n/a	68.6	n/a
One or Two.....	38.5	35.2	43.8	34.4	33.7	36.2	39.5	-	30.3	n/a	32.5	31.3	46.2	n/a	25.5	n/a
Three or More.....	6.5	.6	11.8	9.1	6.5	10.0	8.5	-	4.1	n/a	12.3	12.7	7.6	n/a	5.9	n/a
Physical Handicaps.....	169	162	153	154	169	160	149	-	122	n/a	163	150	13	n/a	102	n/a
None or Unknown.....	93.5	87.7	82.4	50.0	61.5	96.9	99.3	-	100.0	n/a	100.0	100.0	100.0	n/a	100.0	n/a
Yes.....	6.5	12.3	17.6	50.0	38.5	3.1	0.7	-	-	n/a	-	-	-	n/a	-	n/a
Last Grade Enrolled in School.	169	157	143	98	107	102	86	-	48	n/a	58	57	1	n/a	71	n/a
First thru Ninth.....	27.5	36.3	32.8	30.6	31.8	37.3	27.9	-	33.3	n/a	27.6	28.1	-	n/a	39.4	n/a
Tenth.....	30.8	25.5	30.8	32.7	28.0	37.3	41.9	-	35.4	n/a	34.5	35.1	-	n/a	32.4	n/a
Eleventh.....	23.1	21.0	24.5	23.5	22.4	16.7	23.2	-	25.0	n/a	24.1	24.5	-	n/a	16.9	n/a
Twelfth or above.....	18.6	17.2	11.9	13.2	17.8	8.7	7.0	-	6.3	n/a	13.8	12.3	100.0	n/a	11.3	n/a
Reading Comprehension (Average Grade Level).....	6.9	7.3	6.9	6.5	6.9	6.8	6.4	-	6.2	n/a	6.8	6.8	7.5	n/a	6.2	n/a
Arithmetic Reasoning (Average Grade Level).....	6.3	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.9	6.6	6.7	-	6.6	n/a	7.1	7.2	6.4	n/a	7.0	n/a
Prior Convictions or Sustained Petitions a/.....	-	161	151	150	144	148	129	-	122	n/a	163	150	13	n/a	102	n/a
None.....	-	36.0	33.8	26.7	20.1	20.3	21.7	-	15.6	n/a	19.6	19.3	23.1	n/a	16.7	n/a
One thru Four.....	-	48.4	55.6	54.7	66.7	55.4	59.7	-	63.9	n/a	69.3	70.7	53.8	n/a	64.7	n/a
Five thru Seven.....	-	8.1	8.6	14.0	8.3	16.9	12.4	-	15.6	n/a	7.4	6.7	15.4	n/a	15.7	n/a
Eight or More.....	-	7.5	2.0	4.6	4.9	7.4	6.2	-	4.9	n/a	3.7	3.3	7.7	n/a	2.9	n/a

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CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1977-1986
(Showing percents of totals)

FEMALES ONLY

CHARACTERISTICS	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984 TOTAL	1984 CYA	1984 CDC	1985 TOTAL	1985 CYA	1985 CDC	1986 TOTAL	1986 CYA	1986 CDC
Average Age at First Prior Conviction or Sustained Petition a/	14.2	15.3	15.2	14.8	15.4	14.2	14.7	-	14.4	n/a	14.6	14.5	15.4	n/a	14.4	n/a
Prior Commitments	167	161	151	150	144	148	129	-	122	n/a	163	150	13	n/a	102	n/a
None	56.3	57.1	60.3	58.0	55.6	64.9	57.4	-	57.4	n/a	19.6	19.3	61.5	n/a	59.8	n/a
One	21.5	24.2	19.2	28.0	25.7	21.6	23.3	-	20.5	n/a	26.4	27.3	7.7	n/a	23.5	n/a
Two	10.2	10.6	15.2	7.3	9.0	8.1	14.7	-	12.3	n/a	22.1	22.0	23.1	n/a	10.8	n/a
Three or More	12.0	8.1	5.3	6.7	9.7	5.4	4.6	-	9.8	n/a	31.9	31.4	7.7	n/a	5.9	n/a
Average Age at First Prior Commitment	15.3	15.6	15.2	15.5	15.9	14.7	15.4	-	15.2	n/a	14.9	14.8	16.5	n/a	14.9	n/a
Religion	117	123	64	46	-	7	5	-	n/a	n/a	13	9	4	n/a	10	n/a
Catholic	46.1	45.5	53.1	47.8	-	-	-	-	n/a	n/a	-	-	-	n/a	-	n/a
Protestant	49.6	49.6	40.6	52.2	-	100.0	80.0	-	n/a	n/a	69.2	100.0	-	n/a	100.0	n/a
Other	4.3	4.9	6.3	-	-	-	20.0	-	n/a	n/a	30.8	-	100.0	n/a	-	n/a
Parents' Marital Status	163	159	151	145	135	129	111	-	116	n/a	155	143	12	n/a	85	n/a
Never Married	13.5	19.5	17.2	24.8	14.8	11.6	23.4	-	10.4	n/a	10.3	9.8	16.6	n/a	14.1	n/a
Presently Married	23.9	25.8	25.2	15.2	18.5	19.4	15.3	-	17.2	n/a	16.2	14.0	41.7	n/a	10.6	n/a
No Longer Married	62.6	54.7	57.6	60.0	66.7	69.0	61.3	-	72.4	n/a	73.5	76.2	41.7	n/a	75.3	n/a

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CYA FEMALES ONLY 1/

CHARACTERISTICS	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
Parents in Household.....	140	138	120	119	123	125	116	98	128	97
No Parents in Home.....	12.1	10.9	6.7	8.4	12.2	3.2	4.3	6.1	9.4	1.0
One-Parent Home.....	44.3	49.3	62.5	69.8	59.3	54.4	50.0	53.1	47.6	50.5
Two-Parent Home.....	43.6	39.8	30.8	21.8	28.5	42.4	45.7	40.8	43.0	48.5
Placement Before Commitment..	136	135	117	111	120	121	115	94	123	93
Parents.....	61.8	57.0	53.9	59.5	48.3	58.7	60.0	59.6	62.6	52.7
Relatives.....	6.6	5.2	6.8	8.1	15.0	9.9	9.6	12.8	10.6	19.3
Foster/Group Home.....	13.2	16.3	15.4	14.4	16.7	15.7	17.4	8.5	17.9	18.3
Independent.....	18.4	21.5	23.9	18.0	20.0	15.7	13.0	19.1	8.9	9.7
Out-of-Home Placement.....	129	127	109	112	109	114	100	88	121	88
None.....	51.2	49.6	40.4	45.5	46.8	46.5	51.0	50.0	43.0	40.9
One.....	17.0	18.1	12.8	14.3	19.3	16.7	20.0	15.9	17.3	17.0
Two or More.....	31.8	32.3	46.8	40.2	33.9	36.8	29.0	34.1	39.7	42.1
Income Level of Home.....	129	128	111	110	111	117	108	91	121	97
Less than Adequate.....	53.5	50.0	45.9	46.4	42.3	42.7	53.7	52.7	44.6	50.5
Adequate.....	42.6	46.9	46.9	50.9	55.9	52.1	42.6	38.5	52.1	44.3
More than Adequate.....	3.9	3.1	7.2	2.7	1.8	5.2	3.7	8.8	3.3	5.2
Family Income from Public Assistance.....	127	122	105	103	106	112	95	86	116	87
None.....	51.2	58.2	60.0	47.6	60.4	59.8	48.4	48.8	63.8	56.3
Less than One-Half.....	10.2	5.7	9.5	15.5	10.4	13.4	15.8	5.8	7.8	5.8
One-Half or More.....	38.6	36.1	30.5	36.9	29.2	26.8	35.6	45.3	28.4	37.9

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CYA FEMALES ONLY 1/

CHARACTERISTICS	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
Criminal Record of Family Members	126	121	110	100	93.0	109	98	86	116	80
None	46.0	39.7	38.2	43.0	41.9	47.7	40.8	36.0	48.3	46.3
Parents Only	8.7	9.1	10.0	10.0	14.0	12.8	15.3	25.6	11.2	21.2
Siblings Only	28.6	34.7	28.2	35.0	29.0	26.7	29.6	23.3	28.4	20.0
Both	16.7	16.5	23.6	12.0	15.1	12.8	14.3	15.1	12.1	12.5
Economic Aspects of Immediate Neighborhood	136	126	112	114	120	119	112	94	127	98
Above Average	7.4	1.6	6.3	5.2	10.0	12.6	8.0	10.6	11.0	3.1
Average	46.3	47.6	47.3	47.4	49.2	50.4	40.2	44.7	52.0	47.9
Below Average	46.3	50.8	46.4	47.4	40.8	37.0	51.8	44.7	37.0	49.0
Delinquency Aspects of Immediate Neighborhood	137	127	110	108	117	120	112	93	121	97
Nondelinquent	11.7	8.7	10.9	5.6	8.6	6.7	5.4	6.4	9.9	8.3
Minimally Delinquent	17.5	24.4	30.0	26.8	24.8	32.5	25.9	23.7	29.8	24.7
Moderately Delinquent	38.7	28.3	29.1	31.5	33.3	28.3	34.8	23.7	35.5	36.1
Highly Delinquent	32.1	38.6	30.0	36.1	33.3	32.5	33.9	46.2	24.8	30.9
Major Problem Area	135	127	121	122	118	121	112	94	128	98
None	1.5	0.8	0.8	3.3	0.8	-	0.9	-	-	-
Employment	2.2	1.6	3.3	2.5	3.4	0.8	1.8	1.1	3.9	-
Family	9.6	10.2	12.4	12.3	11.0	10.7	11.6	12.8	7.0	8.2
School	3.0	2.4	1.7	2.5	-	-	1.8	2.1	3.1	-
Drugs/Alcohol	17.0	15.7	13.2	16.4	16.1	11.6	19.6	23.4	18.0	39.8
Peer Influence	38.5	24.4	26.4	27.0	31.4	34.7	34.8	34.0	34.4	20.4
Mental/Emotional	28.2	44.9	42.2	36.0	37.3	42.2	29.5	26.6	33.6	31.6

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CYA FEMALES ONLY 1/

CHARACTERISTICS	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
Employment Status.....	140	133	116	117	118	125	112	94	128	96
Not in Job Market.....	51.4	49.6	44.0	40.1	47.5	63.2	57.1	57.5	55.5	60.4
Unemployed.....	41.4	44.4	41.4	49.6	41.5	29.6	39.3	34.0	37.5	35.4
Employed Part-Time.....	2.9	3.8	7.7	4.3	5.1	4.8	2.7	7.4	5.5	3.1
Employed Full-Time.....	4.3	2.2	6.9	6.0	5.9	2.4	0.9	1.1	1.5	1.1

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